

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
March 4, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at the Jasper Arts Center with President Michael Jones presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Robin Norris, Mickey Seger, Sylvia Metzger, Myra Schuetter, Don Routson, Ann Hilgefort, Michael Jones, Norma Kreilein, Doug Abbett, and Pat Thyen. **Commission Members Absent:** Don Weisheit. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers, and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator:** Jill Watson. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein **Guests in Attendance:** Jasper Herald reporter, Candy Neal.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Myra Schuetter** moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Don Routson** moved to approve the financial statement. **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

**City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims**

City claims in the amount of \$27,511.71 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$1250.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Don Routson** to accept the claims as presented. **Doug Abbett** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

There was no business to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Visual Arts Report**

Kit reported for Amy.

- The winter art workshops have begun. There are 2 preschool art classes taught by Nicole Anderson. Stamps, Frames and Stuff for the K-5 group, also taught by Nicole are getting good reports. Fred Robberts has a drawing class that is being held at the Dubois County Museum. A one day watercolor class will be taught by Alice Kemper this Saturday. Tom Schum will be teaching an adult hand building clay class.
- The art lecture on the History of Photography with John Puffer was a success.
- Guest artist Susan Carr held workshops at the high school with the computer aided design class where she discussed how architectural photographers work. She also spoke with the media design class discussing balancing making a living and doing fine art. She also held a digital photography workshop for adults which was very well received. The artist talk and reception was held in conjunction with Jill's INteract meeting.
- The High School reception for Youth Art month was held Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Middle School reception will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 pm.
- Portfolio reviews are in progress, with promising portfolios coming in daily. The visual arts committee will select the 2009 exhibits on the last Wednesday of the month.
- Plans for Chalk Walk are being discussed and volunteers for the "hands-on" stations are welcome.
- ARTventures is also in the planning stages too. Amy requested names of possible teacher be submitted to her.

### **Education Report**

Donna reported.

- Karen Erikson will be here this Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Her February workshops were cancelled due to the snow.
- Beth Keusch held workshops at the high school, in conjunction with her Backstage performances.
- Donna recently returned from the annual Kennedy Center meeting. She has several ideas for future workshops.

### **Building and Structures Report**

Doreen reported.

- Paul Schwinghammer has been hired as the new part time custodian.
- Doreen needs several volunteers to help backstage at I Love a Piano, on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The mechanical chiller is not working properly. It will need to be repaired.
- ACT will now be performing their spring production "Snoopy" at the arts center.
- There will be 5-6 rentals during the month of April.

### **Region 11 Report**

Jill reported.

- Jill showed the board a new display board. It can be used as a visual aid when giving talks to organizations about the arts center.
- Jill attended Arts Day at the statehouse. She had the opportunity to talk with several state legislators, including Richard Young.
- Five new organizations have turned in letters of intent for the grant application process. Three are in the Tell City area, one in Holland and another one in Orange County.
- The next INTERact meeting will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Phil Beaver's house in French Lick. He will be giving a talk on how he grew from being a school teacher to being an arts designer.

### **Performing Arts Report**

Kit reported.

- Kit is continuing to negotiate with agents for the 2008/2009 season.
- Another artist has been added to perform with Richie Havens. Harry Manx will perform before Richie Havens. This will lengthen the show times. The additional artist will cost \$1000, however, negotiations with Richie Havens' agent have achieved a better price for the two performances.
- Dan Zanes tickets are selling quite well, especially through internet inquiries.
- ACT has agreed to pay half of the cost for the Missoula program this summer.
- Beth Keusch's shows were really well attended, with the first one sold out and the second one nearly sold out.
- Edmond Battersby, a concert pianist, has contacted Kit. He offered to give a free performance at the arts center before going on his European tour. The date for the performance is April 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no fee for the performance, but donations will be accepted. Kit will check with Juanita to see if donations received can go into the building fund.
- Kit asked the board for their input on renaming the Family Fun Series. Discussion was held. It was decided to keep the name the same and keep the programs geared to a younger audience.

### **Chalk Walk Report**

Kit reported.

- The Fifth Annual Chalk Walk will be on May 3, 2008. The theme this year is "Going Green". Linda Letterman has agreed to be the co-chair for the event. \$1500 has been received from the Dubois Community Foundation to help with expenses from Chalk Walk.

*At 5:30 pm Doug Abbett left the meeting.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The retreat is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>, at Mike Jones' house on Beaver Lake. Kit passed out information packets to all board members and staff.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The City is working on a city-wide comprehensive plan. This covers development, roads, parks, arts and utilities.

The Cultural Districts bill #1017 has passed in the House and Senate. This will establish Cultural Districts throughout Indiana with the express purpose of promoting Indiana arts, crafts, and artisan foods (wine, cheese, candy etc). The Cultural Districting Plan combines forces of four Indiana agencies – Indiana Arts Commission, Indiana Department of Tourism, Indiana Department of Agriculture, and Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Kit stated that the credit card ordinance for the arts center states that credit cards can only be used for events and merchandise sales. Kit requested that the Board make a motion to recommend to City Council to amend it to include sales of anything at the Arts Center. **Don Routson** made the motion. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0. City Attorney, Sandy Hemmerlein, will bring the motion before City Council.

Myra Schuetter stated that the west side of the building need to be painted. She suggested possibly putting the logo on the building. It would not be possible to put the logo on the building, due to signage regulations, but painting the building will be looked into. Kit is looking into getting a banner to hang up on the building.

### **Adjournment**

**Sylvia Metzger** made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm, **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 9-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday April 1, 2008, at 4:30 pm.

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**Michael Jones**

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**Attested**